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SUBJECT: POLISH ATTITUDE TOWARDS NONALIGNED MANIPULATION
OF UN

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION JANUARY 13 OF ANOTHER MATTER, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER TREPCZYNSKI VOLUNTEERED AN INFORMAL STATEMENT OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN AT THE WAY IN WHICH ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA AND THE DEVELOPING STATES (WHICH HE REFERRED TO ALTERNATELY AS "THE NON-ALIGNED") HAD BEHAVED AT THE 1974 UNGA. HE SAID THAT POLAND WAS IN FAVOR OF THE UN'S SERVING AS A MEANINGFUL ARENA IN WHICH THE COMPETITION OF DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES AND ALLIANCES COULD REFLECT "THE EXISTING BALANCE OF FORCES IN THE WORLD" AND COULD RESULT IN THE NECESSARY COMPROMISES. BUT THE EMPLOYMENT OF A "MECHANICAL MAJORITY" BY THE NONALIGNED STATES WOULD NOT HELP ANYONE. IT WOULD SIMPLY ERODE U.S. PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE U.N. SINCE THE U.S. PROVIDES SOME 70 PERCENT OF THE U.N.'S BUDGET, TREPCZYNSKI SAID, THE BEHAVIOR OF THE NONALIGNED AT THE 1974 GA THREATENED THE ORGANIZATION'S FUTURE, WITHOUT PRODUCING ANY VISIBLE RESULT OF BENEFIT TO ANYONE. "FAIR PLAY," HE SAID, "MUST BE OBSERVED."

2. COMMENT. TREPCZYNSKI IS NOT DISINTERESTED. HE WAS BOUTEFLIKA'S PREDECESSOR AS UNGA PRESIDENT AND CAN BENEFIT BY TACITLY INVITING COMPARISON OF HIS PERFORMANCE WITH THAT
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OF THE ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER. IN THESE COMMENTS, HOWEVER,

HE WAS CLEARLY SPEAKING FOR HIS GOVERNMENT, BUT DOING SO ON
THE BASIS THAT THEY WERE FOR OUR EARS ONLY. END COMMENT.
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